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To: John Ehrlichman  
From: Henry A. Kissinger  
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The Cuban exile groups are highly fractionalized. Their plans for harrassing operations against Cuba are petty. It is highly unlikely that their small-scale activities can succeed in shaking Castro's grip on Cuba. If it is decided as a matter of policy that we want to bring Castro down, much more elaborate operations, probably involving US forces, will be required. However, in the absence of such a policy decision, I believe it would not be in our interest to support or encourage exile plans which cannot succeed.

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